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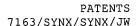
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. Patent No. 4,401,522, Buschow et al.

U.S. Patent No. 4,534,843, Hirbour et al.

U.S. Patent No. 4,540,088, Bergh

U.S. Patent No. 4,650,264, Dahnert

U.S. Patent No. 4,775,046, Gramarossa et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,235,634, Law et al.

- U.S. Publication No. 2002/090282, Bachrach
- U.S. Publication No. 2003/010449, Gramarossa et al.

These references are also listed on the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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